**Queensland Water Skills e-Flash #24**

**Information for Water Industry Managers, Human Resources Personnel and Employees in the Queensland Water Industry**

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Government Skills Australia (GSA) has been engaged by Water Services Australia Association (WSAA) through federal funding to develop and establish an occupational competency framework for the water industry. The framework will define competency requirements for specific occupations covered by the National Water Training Package. This information will then be used to validate and develop the existing qualifications in the training package and identify any gaps in units of competency, skill sets or qualifications. The framework will be incorporated within the preliminary section of the National Water Training Package (NWP).

Technical Reference Groups across the following occupational categories have been convened to develop the framework:

* Source/Catchment
* Processing
* Networks
* Hydrography
* Quality Management

The draft Occupation and Competency Framework - Processing is now available for review and comment until **Friday 25 October 2013**. The roles covered in this group include water purification, sewage treatment and some associated specialised roles.

To read the project update and review the draft document please go to the [GSA website](http://www.governmentskills.com.au/news/25-water/105-water-competency-framework) and [download the document](http://www.governmentskills.com.au/usercontent/documents/Reports/Process_matrix.pdf). Please email any comments or questions to Sue Peisley from GSA by Friday 25 October - [S.Peisley@govskills.com.au](mailto:S.Peisley@govskills.com.au).

The draft Occupation and Competency Framework for Networks will be available for comment by December. ***qldwater*** will be convening a Queensland reference group to review the materials In early December.

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**2.      Upcoming Water Industry Skills Meetings/Workshops**

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* 3rd October -  National Water Industry Skills Taskforce meeting - Sydney
* 18th October -  Queensland Drinking Water Operator Certification workshop hosted by ***qldwater*** - Brisbane
* 21st November - Employer and RTO Training Survey Findings Workshop - Brisbane (email [jajames@psitab.com.au](mailto:jajames@psitab.com.au) to attend or for further information)
* 26th November -  Joint Industry Advisory Committee workshop and Water Industry Advisory Committee Meeting - Melbourne (Government Skills Australia)

Relevant outcomes from the meetings will be advised.

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